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such deliberations determine or result in the joint conduct or disposition of official Commission business.

(c) Specifically included in the term *meeting* are;

(1) Meetings of the Commission required to be held by 18 U.S.C. 4203(a);

(2) Special meetings of the Commission called pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4204(a)(1);

(3) Meetings of the National Commissioners in original jurisdiction cases pursuant to 28 CFR 2.17(a);

(4) Meetings of the entire Commission to determine original jurisdiction appeal cases pursuant to 28 CFR 2.27; and

(5) Meetings of the National Appeals Board pursuant to 28 CFR 2.26.

(6) Meetings of the Commission to conduct a hearing on the record in conjunction with applications for certificates of exemption under section 504(a) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and section 411 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (28 CFR 4.1-17 and 28 CFR 4a.1-17).¹

(d) Specifically excluded from the term *meeting* are:

(1) Determination made through independent voting of the Commissioners without the joint deliberation of the number of Commissioners required to take such action, pursuant to § 16.201;

(2) Original jurisdiction cases determined by sequential vote pursuant to 28 CFR 2.17;

(3) Cases determined by sequential vote pursuant to 28 CFR 2.24 and 2.25;

(4) National Appeals Board cases determined by sequential vote pursuant to 28 CFR 2.26;

(5) Meetings of special committees of Commissioners not constituting a quorum of the Commission, which may be established by the Chairman to report and make recommendations to the Commission or the Chairman on any matter.

(6) Determinations required or permitted by these regulations to open or close a meeting, or to withhold or disclose documents or information pertaining to a meeting.

(e) All other terms used in this part shall be deemed to have the same meaning as identical terms used in chapter I, part 2 of this title.

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§ 16.201 Voting by the Commissioners without joint deliberation.

(a) Whenever the Commission's Chairman so directs, any matter which (1) does not appear to require joint deliberation among the members of the Commission, or (2) by reason of its urgency, cannot be scheduled for consideration at a Commission meeting, may be disposed of by presentation of the matter separately to each of the members of the Commission. After consideration of the matter each Commission member shall report his vote to the Chairman.

(b) Whenever any member of the Commission so requests, any matter presented to the Commissioners for disposition pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall be withdrawn and scheduled instead for consideration at a Commission meeting.

(c) The provisions of § 16.206(a) of these rules shall apply in the case of any Commission determination made pursuant to this section.

§ 16.202 Open meetings.

(a) Every portion of every meeting of the Commission shall be open to public observation unless closed to the public pursuant to the provisions of § 16.203 (Formal Procedure) or § 16.205 (Informal Procedure).

(b) The attendance of any member of the public is conditioned upon the orderly demeanor of such person during the conduct of Commission business. The public shall be permitted to observe and to take notes, but unless prior permission is granted by the Commission, shall not be permitted to record or photograph by means of any mechanical or electronic device any portion of meetings which are open to the public.

(c) The Commission shall be responsible for arranging a suitable site for each open Commission meeting so that ample seating, visibility, and acoustics are provided to the public and ample security measures are employed for the

¹Part 4a was removed at 44 FR 6890, Feb. 2, 1979.